

Specifically, as it creates projects that fulfill vital needs in the communities of Southeast Michigan, Jack and Jill carefully crafts those projects with service roles for both youth and their parents. Through the example set by their parents, youth are instilled with a deep appreciation for the value of helping their friends and neighbors.

The programs that Jack and Jill's Oakland County chapter supports have had a profound impact on the communities of Southeast Michigan. Each year, Jack and Jill sponsors a blood drive with the American Red Cross that provides local health services organizations with a vital lifesaving resource. Jack and Jill has also brought in resources from the Jack and Jill Foundation that have enabled local Boys and Girls Clubs and the Pontiac Library to better serve their communities, as well as assist the Southfield Field Zone Leadership program and provide community prep courses for college-bound students taking the ACT exam. Additionally, Jack and Jill supports college-bound students with scholarships.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly proud to have so many outstanding community organizations like the Oakland County Chapter of Jack and Jill of America in my district, and it is with great appreciation for its ongoing commitment to creating a better future for the Greater Detroit region that I congratulate its members on thirty-five years of service.

#### REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

#### HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2013*

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I oppose this politically-manufactured government shutdown.

By shutting down the United States government, House Republicans have proven that they are willing to gamble with both the economic security of hundreds of thousands federal employees and of our nation.

A government shutdown is a serious matter, with real-world consequences.

While Social Security checks will go out to current recipients, the 180,000 people who visit a Social Security office will find that they are understaffed. Their questions will go unanswered.

The Small Business Administration's approval of loans will be put on hold indefinitely. Some 28 million American small businesses will no longer have access to federally-assisted loans or technical assistance.

This government shutdown has forced us to shut the door on the American people. The most vulnerable among us, our seniors, veterans, and our children, will suffer the most.

It is time for Republicans to put aside partisan politics and work with Democrats so that we can re-open the federal government for business and put our nation back on the road to economic prosperity.

I strongly urge the House to adopt the Senate-passed Continuing Resolution without delay.

#### PASS A BUDGET

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2013*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I voted to reject the Republican's short-term, piece-meal funding bills for some, but not all, of the federal government. While this effort has a superficial appeal, it is being used to prop up a terribly flawed policy that ignores the wide array of services that the federal government provides to families, to our children, to the environment, and to businesses across the country.

The Congress should instead take up a clean CR to fund our government, rather than holding it hostage to healthcare laws enacted three years ago and now going into effect—freeing families from insidious practices such as lifetime limits on health insurance coverage, providing coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions, expanding coverage for children, and ensuring that all insurance policies cover basic, critical services.

I urge my colleagues to pass a clean funding bill and reject this cynical ploy.

#### RECOGNIZING MYKE REID ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION (APWU)

#### HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2013*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Myke Reid on the occasion of his recent retirement from the American Postal Workers Union (APWU).

Since 2004, Mr. Reid served as Legislative and Political Director of the American Postal Workers Union, advocating on behalf of our nation's postal service. In addition to serving as Legislative Director, Mr. Reid held various roles with the APWU and played an integral role in passing important legislation, including the Family & Medical Leave Act and reform of the Hatch Act.

Myke Reid began his career with the United States Postal Service in 1976 as a clerk in Norfolk, VA. From the beginning, Mr. Reid was an active member of the Norfolk local union, serving as newsletter editor, steward and local business agent. Mr. Reid's dedication and passion for legislative reform won the admiration of his fellow union members, and he quickly rose to the position of state legislative director and state president.

In 1984, Mr. Reid came to our nation's capital to work on a legislative campaign to protect Social Security. In 1985, he was appointed as a Special Assistant to then-President Moe Biller, and continued in that role until 1992, when he was selected to fill the newly created position of Assistant Legislative Director for the APWU. In 2004, he was elected to serve as APWU's Legislative and Political Director.

Mr. Reid worked tirelessly on behalf of our nation's postal workers to advocate for decent pay and benefits, safe working conditions, and respect and dignity on the job. Mr. Reid also

played an essential role in passing reforms to the Federal Employees Retirement System Act, the Spouse Equity Act, the Postal Employees Safety Enhancement Act, and the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act. The enthusiasm that Mr. Reid brought to his work has earned him respect throughout the halls of Congress and with APWU members. He has truly set the bar high for those who follow in his footsteps.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Myke Reid on this occasion and in commending him for his service and his work to represent the interests of America's Postal Workers and working families across the nation.

#### 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF RANKIN RANCH

#### HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2013*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw to the attention of the House of Representatives the 150th anniversary of the Rankin Ranch located at the end of California's southern Sierras in northeastern Kern County. This quiet "old west" community in the little mountain valley of Walker Basin is home to the historic 31,000 acre Rankin Cattle and Guest Ranch now under the operation of the 4th, 5th and 6th generation of the Rankin family.

The Quarter Circle U Rankin Ranch was founded by Walker Rankin in 1863. Walker married Lavinia Estelle Lightner in 1868, laying the foundation for the family that has made cattle their family passion for generations. The ranch has evolved with the nation, serving as a stage stop for the overland mail route in the 1870s.

The years have brought times of triumph and times of tragedy, including a car accident that claimed the life of Walker and Lavinia's son and daughter in law in 1929. Similarly in 1954, after the sudden death of third generation, Leroy Rankin, at age of forty-two, his wife Helen ultimately decided to continue her husband's lifetime work and was thrust into the family business. But her new perspective would prove useful to the business, when in 1965, Helen decided to diversify by adding a guest ranch to her cattle operation.

Today, Bill and Glenda Rankin and their children, and their grandchildren all live on the ranch, and run both the cattle and guest ranch businesses.

I am proud to recognize the Rankin Ranch and the six generations of Rankins that have worked to ensure the survival of one of California's oldest and largest family owned ranches. Like thousands of other guests at Rankin Ranch, I have fond memories of the beauty of the countryside and great respect for the hard work and dedication of the Rankin family. Since 1863 they have been superb stewards of this magnificent land and gracious hosts for a public anxious to experience life on a ranch.

Congratulations on the 150th Anniversary of Rankin Ranch—a true American treasure.